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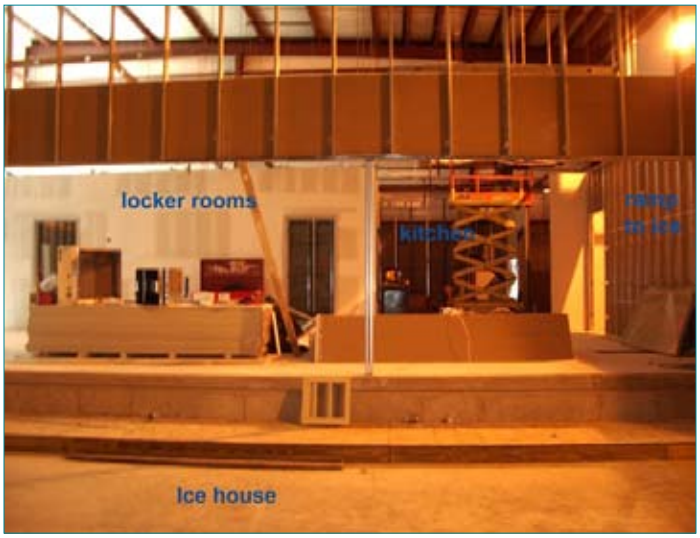

Building Progress Continues
The latest photos of the new club interior. Photo credit: Sally Hannon — July 14, 2006. See page 4 for update.

On the Bonspiel Trail

Nutmeg Women Finalists in Cape Third Event
Jill Owens and her rink of Jennifer Stannard, Bobbie Stoll, Gail Cosman and Pam Hinthorn were finalists in the third event at Cape Cod losing to The Country Club. Gail had to return to work after 2 days, so Pam Hinthorn leapt onto the ice and played like the pro we all remember! (Pam & Jim just moved to Fall River so the Cape may be the spot for them to curl at this Fall)

A great time was had by all- beach, shopping and many good meals! — Jennifer Stannard

Cape Cod Mixed
Nutmeg curlers Jeff and Sally Hannon teamed up with Mark and Sue Bussy from Ardsley to curl in the Cape Cod Mixed bonspiel July 6-9. They won their first game holding the most points after the first draw but then lost their 2nd

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Message From the President

Nutmeggers:

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. We had a good turnout for the Annual Meeting and strong fund raising results. Thanks to all who participated and generously donated auction items.

The new board is working this summer with all of our committee chairs as we kick off our first season in our brand new club. The building is nearing completion and looks great! We are selecting finishes for the warm room and the interior areas are taking shape.

We will be asking a lot of everyone this Fall before and after our October opening. We will require a lot of volunteer hours to make our launch successful. This includes people to greet and welcome prospective new members, to register people at open houses, to tend bar and arrange food for various membership and corporate events, to provide instruction on the ice and experienced curlers will be needed to assist with the Green Horn League. We all need to pitch in as we did with our open house following the Olympics. Your board and committees are ready. Please respond favorably and generously when asked for your help.

Read below about our participation in two recent membership events, the results of summer spiels, approaching social events, a building report and so much more.
— George Bagley, President

2006 Annual Meeting and Silent Auction

Forty-eight members and friends of The Nutmeg Curling Club gathered together at the the Brewhouse on Sunday May 21 to enjoy a good meal and attend the 2006 Annual Meeting and Silent Auction. During cocktails, Jeff and Sally Hannon set-up a presentation with photos of the new building. The fundraising committee set-up displays to sell the engraving on new handles for our stones and new Nutmeg T-shirts. Thanks to the support of the membership the auction was a big success. Donations were outstanding and the bidding was brisk. The auction made $7,300.

Annual Meeting Report
President George Bagley called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

George provided the attendees with updates on the building of the club and the results of the Open House. He individually recognized the efforts of the board members and committee chairs. Then Charlie Mack gave the Treasurer's report. To summarize, we still need to raise a lot of money.

Then the Nominating Committee presented the slate of candidates for the open positions on the Board of Governors. The following were elected unanimously.

Jennifer Stannard – Class of 2007
Phil Carmichael – Class of 2010
Pam Smith – Class of 2010
Charles 'Chuck' Owens – Class of 2010

Next, George called for a vote on the new by-laws, which also passed unanimously.

After a short break the board returned to announce the officers for the next year:

George Bagely – President
Donna Purkey – Vice-President
Charlie Mack – Treasurer
Pam Smith – Secretary

George then recognized the support the club has received from Lisa Fedick and John Ferguson by giving them each a membership for the next season.

Finally, George called Jeff and Sally Hannon to come to the front to be recognized for all their hard work on behalf of the club as the building committee. George presented them with "Nutmeg Curling Club" hard hats as a token of our thanks.

— Laura King

NUTMEG CURLING CLUB

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Club Notes

Karl Koss wrote — It's been a year since I went into the hospital (July 11) for heart tests and picked up a staph infection. Now in theraphy weaning from wheelchair to a walker and next a cane . Hope to drive in some weeks to see THE CLUB. My thanks,again, for all the well wishers.

Sally Hannon with Bridgeport Mayor John Fabrizi

On May 25, 2006 Sally Hannon attended a Luncheon meeting with Bridgeport officials including Mayor John Fabrizi at Wonderland of Ice. This meeting was to show all the progress of Nutmeg and Wonderland of Ice along with further developing our relationships with the city of Bridgeport.

Welcome to our newest Get-Acquainted Members!

Bob Bray, Danbury CT
George Garofalo, Oxford, CT
Victor Vega, Naugatuck, CT
Kathy Lavery, Bridgeport, CT
Jennifer Gibson, Branford, CT
Deanna Deeby, Milton, CT
Elly Hall, Oxford, CT

Our Own Jeff Hannon assisted Guy Hemmings and Brad Gushe who was curling on fake ice (made of water and oil) LIVE on Friday July 21st at in New York City on the corner of 48th street and 6th Ave outside the Fox studio for the Fox and Friends segment of the news which aired between 7-9am on Friday. This promo was for the Canadian tourism board.

New warm room photos are posted in the photo gallery on the Nutmeg website http://www.nutmegcurling.com. The roster on the web is also updated. Please update your information by clicking on the user profile in the menu. Please contact Jeff Hannon if you need a reminder of your login information. jeff_hannon@juno.com

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Building Update

Ice house is completed. Cimco will testing out our new cement floor and will be doing a slow cool down of the ice house on Monday July 17th. . This cool down will take 5-7 days to slowly pull down the temperature of the floor to freezing temperatures. The warm room is starting to take shape and sheet rock has gone up for the Locker rooms/bathrooms/kitchen/bar and viewing area. Completion is expected to be in approx 6 weeks.

— Sally Hannon

Do you have extra glasses and bar tools you would like to donate to our new Club?

We need the following glasses:
6 oz. Manhattan (on-the-rocks)
6 & 8 oz. Wine
10 & 12 oz. Highball
Martini (straight-up)
14 oz. Beer

Other items needed - shaker, strainer, wine opener, ice scoop, bar spoon, blender.

If you have any of these items you would like to give to the club, contact Chuck Owens at jcowensct@aol.com or 203-322-1922. Chuck will make arrangements to pickup your donations.

Bonspiel News (Continued)

game and tied their 3rd game. They were close to make it in the 4th event but thankfully did not have to curl at 8am on Sunday. A relaxing time on the beach was had by all. — Sally Hannon

Team Haggis Re-Joins the Circuit

Team Haggis played at the Cape Cod Curling Club's Men's summer bonspiel. Original Team Haggis members include Charlie Mack (Skip), Ken Donnelly (2nd) and Terry Smith (first). Jim Meinhold joined Team Haggis as vice. Mr. Meinhold won the low gross award for the annual Men's Golf tourney at Cape Cod Curling. Mr. Donnelly won the closest to the pin award during the golf tourney.

Team Haggis: Charlie Mack, Jim Meinhold, Ken Donnelly, Terry Smith

Mr. Donnelly said, "Sweeping is our forte on Team Haggis and we're coming to you, soon."

Mr. Smith added, "Aye, Cape Cod Curling Club puts the 'high' in the highland games. In addition to golf and curling, Cape Cod hosted a game of Quoits."

Mr. Mack was a gracious host to Team Haggis at his summer cottage on Cape Cod. "Mr. Meinhold earned the Lincoln Bedroom upstairs," he said. "He is a man of steady habits."

Terry and Ken were asked to sleep in the back bedroom (next to the washing machine).

Team Haggis took the low road, losing the first match, but winning the second and losing in the third. Mr. Smith explained, "The luck of the draw had our third match at five o'clock on Saturday, which is a damn difficult time to be on the ice."

Nutmeggers at the Ballgame

Sunday, July 30th saw temperatures in the mid-90's but that did not dissuade Nutmeggers from taking in a Bridgeport Bluefish game at Harbor Yard. 15 of us proudly wore our Nutmeg t-shirts (many sporting the newest edition with 'We Rock' on the back) and took our primo seats behind the plate.

The Nutmeg banner marked our seats and we were welcomed to the park on the jumbotron- twice! The second time was a full sized ' Nutmeg Curling Club opening in Fall 2006 at the Wonderland of Ice' message!!!

Two of our newest members - Jennifer Gibson and Deanna Beeby joined us for the fun. They are definitely looking forward to the start of the curling season!

Thanks to all who supported this event! — Jennifer A. Stannard

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The Roundhill Scottish Highland Games

Cleve Cleveland

We had a record number of visitors this year, due much in part to Jill Owens and her ingenious roller curling rink. Our visitors had a wonderful time rolling stones into the house, albeit it was uphill and at an angle. I equated it to curling on a frozen loch. Over 40 people signed up for our mailing list (up from last year). The positioning of the tents this year was much improved over last year, with a better flow of visitors. I can only imagine that next year will be better still. We came up with some great ideas for next year to make our booth really stand out!! Can't wait!! Of course none of this would have been possible without my fantastic crew of volunteers!!! Heide and Scott Follin (thanks for coming back to help with the breakdown!!), Bobbie Stoll, George Bagley, Cleve Cleveland (who marched for us in the opening parade!!), Tim Fenton, Jan Areander and finally, Jim Meinhold and Laura King (who help with both setup and teardown!!). The Highland Games committee was extremely happy to have us back and look forward to seeing us next year. I hope we will become a permanent fixture at the games.

Terrie Allen

ISI Conference:

Wonderland of Ice owner Lisa Fedick asked Jeff and Sally Hannon to speak at the Annual ISI (Ice skating Institute) conference on June 1st in Boston Mass.

We arrived in Boston not knowing what to expect but were instantly greeted with warmth and kindness from over 250 arena owners, skating coaches, ice technicians and arena managers. After a fun night out in Fanual Hall we gave a PowerPoint presentation the following day on Alternative programming for owners of ice arenas. With participation down for hockey and figure skating we were asked to give a presentation on transforming arena ice into curling ice as another alternative to gain new members and further grow curling in the US. We had over 40 people attend our presentation with a tremendous amount of interest.

That evening there was a trade show at the hotel which was most informative for us ice "geeks" to view the newest painting techniques, the lightest hand scrapers, ice house carpeting and much more. Our builder, Sam Root was attending as well so it gave us a great opportunity to show him all the finishing touches we need to complete our arena.
— Sally Hannon

OCTOBER 15TH - SAVE THE DAY

Level One Instruction Clinic at Nutmeg Curling Club

It is important that we have many qualified instructors all teaching the same techniques for our many new curlers.

The class will be held October 15th, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cost $25.00. $15.00 for USCA printed materials and $10.00 to cover breakfast and lunch.

Contact Donna Purkey
203-622-1122 for sign up.

Macy's Fundraiser

Nutmeg is involved in a fundraiser through Macy's Department stores. On Saturday, September 16th, Macy's is offering a one day shopping event which will support local non-profit organizations (such as ours). On this day, all Macy's department stores are giving away special prizes, in addition to offering great discounts.

All participating organizations sell $5 shopping passes to this event. Each organization keeps the proceeds from every shopping pass they sell. Macy's does not receive a percentage of these proceeds. Customers can support a cause, while receiving discounts on Macy's merchandise.

Each shopping pass entitles the holder to 20% off regular, sale, & clearance apparel & accessories, fine, bridge, & fashion jewelry, bed & bath items, housewares, frames, luggage, china, crystal & silver.

It also entitles the holder to 10% off regular, sale, & clearance furniture, mattresses, rugs, kitchen & personal care electronics, & technology items --- as well as $10 off every $50 purchase.

I would like to invite you as members of Nutmeg to purchase some of these shopping passes for yourself, as well as to sell some to family, co-workers, friends, etc. This is a great opportunity to raise some money for Nutmeg, as well as to enjoy the discounts (especially on items like furniture and rugs, which are rarely on sale at Macy's). Some organizations, through participating in similar events, have raised up to $7000. Your participation is crucial!

Please get in touch with me about how many tickets you would be willing to buy and sell. Thanks so much, your help is greatly appreciated! Email me atDMMCT327@aol.com or call at (203) 847-2330.

— Diane Muldowney

Nutmeg on the High Seas!

Join us for a day trip to the historic seaport of Port Jefferson, Long Island. Nutmeggers will climb aboard the Ferry in Bridgeport and travel to Port Jefferson for a scenic boat trip and lunch. Saturday August 26th is the date- come on come all. Cost is $20 per person round trip. Just park, and walk on board!

We'll determine en route where to lunch separately or, as a group- there are many options from open air steamed and fried to the lovely harborside Danfords Inn- and then those interested can meander about the scenic Port Jefferson center (a few shops of interest). Saturday, August 26- 10:30 am departure (puts us in Port Jeff at 11:45) anticipated return on the 3pm ferry which brings us back to Bridgeport at 4:15. Ferry's run every hour so, you can leave earlier or later as you chose. Email me at jenniferstannard@ hotmail.com — Jennifer Stannard

Beardsley Zoo Dreamnight

Jill Owens assists a curler on the delivery.
Photo: Sally Hannon

We had a great opportunity for the Nutmeg Curling Club to be involved with the community in Bridgeport, Beardsley Zoo (our new neighbor) and work with children with disabilities.

On Thursday, June 29th the Beardsley Zoo hosted "Dreamnight at the Zoo".

Children with special healthcare needs and disabilities along with their families were invited to spend a cost-free evening at the Zoo.

After talking to the organizer at the Beardsley Zoo about supporting the program with volunteers, we decided that this would be a great opportunity to for kids and their parents to try curling.

Two "curling Stones' on wheels and curling sticks were set up to demonstrate curling and have the kids try it.

Excellent guard stone.
Photo: Heide Follin

Many other local leadership groups were at the event. This was a great opportunity for Nutmeg to get to know its neighbors and be involved in a great cause. — Jill Owens

START THE BUZZ!

October will be 'Curling Month' in the Sales area of Health Net in Shelton.

The sales team has had monthly themes throughout the Summer - Hawaiian shirts, Dog Daze, etc. For the month of October, employees will be encouraged to do something associated with curling each Wednesday. One Wed. will be 'Tartan Day', another 'stones', etc. On each day a mid-afternoon snack will be provided tying to the theme: curly cheese doodles, Italian Ice- all imaginative ties to the sport. The goal- increase awareness of the sport as our club opens.

If you work in an area within the new club 'service area' think about how you might create visibility with your co-workers.

Another thought- a few curlers go into an area bar and talk about curling- perhaps you have the GNCC bonspiel schedule out (along with a few of our pamphlets) and 'plan' your tournaments for the year!

Be sure to grab some attention and 'start the buzz'.

— Jennifer A. Stannard